

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (original) A passive addressed matrix display having a plurality of luminescent picture elements arranged in the matrix, a plurality of address buses arranged in rows of the matrix and supplied with a select signal having a low signal level and a high non-select signal level, and a plurality of data buses orthogonal to the address buses, each of said luminescent picture elements comprising a luminescent layer between a first and a second display electrode, characterized in that each luminescent picture element is combined with a de-coupling means connected between a respective one of the first and second display electrodes and a respective one of the address buses and the data buses, and in series with the picture element, for preventing said picture element from charging/discharging when it is in the non-select state and another picture element is in the select state.
2. (original) A matrix display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said de-coupling means includes a diode.
3. (original) A matrix display as claimed in claim 2, wherein said diode includes a Schottky diode.
4. (currently amended) A matrix display as claimed in claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein each diode and the picture element with which it is combined form a lateral arrangement.
5. (currently amended) A matrix display as claimed in claim 2 ~~or 3~~, wherein each diode and the picture element with which it is combined form a vertical arrangement.

6. (original) A matrix display as claimed in claim 3, wherein the Schottky diode includes a layer stack comprising a metal layer and a layer of a semiconducting polymer material.

7. (original) A matrix display as claimed in claim 6, wherein the picture elements comprise a luminescent layer of a semiconducting polymer material, said semiconducting polymer material having substantially the same composition as the semiconducting polymer material of the Schottky diode.

8. (original) A matrix display as claimed in claim 1, wherein said de-coupling means includes an electro-mechanical switch.